

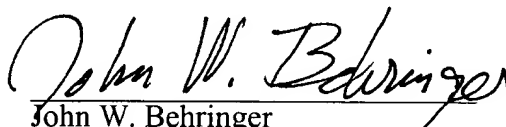
REMARKS

Claims 27-58 are presently pending in this application, with Claims 27, 57 and 58 being independent. New Claims 57 and 58 have been added to provide additional coverage for the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.1. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the amendments.

Applicants are presently in the process of preparing a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 in order to present additional data to show that the claimed invention satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving the Declaration, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants, prior to issuing an Office Action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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